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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONVENTION TALKS

REF: HUTSON- SHAMWELL LETTER (2/16/73), STATE 102015 JUNE 8, 1972, STATE 195755 OCTOBER 1972

1. REFERENCED LETTER AND ENCLOSED MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION OF FEBRUARY 7 MEETING BETWEEN EMBOFF HUTSON AND FSFA OFFICIALS BATAVELJIC AND POPOVIC INDICATED POSSIBLE GOY INTEREST IN GIVING FURTHER CONSIDERATION US PROPOSAL ON GUARANTEE NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS FOR DETAINED DUAL NATIONALS. GOY OFFICIALS FURTHER INDICATED INTEREST IN NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT ON OTHER CONSULAR MATTERS, SUCH AS INHERITANCE, AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS, ETC., AS PART OF UPDATED CONSULAR CONVENTION. EMBASSY SUGGESTED THAT DEPARTMENT MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE THIS OPENING BY REGENERATING DISCUSSIONS ON NEW CONSULAR CONVENTION WHICH USG PROPOSED TEN YEARS AGO.

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2. DEPARTMENT STILL VERY MUCH INTERESTED PURSUING AGREEMENT ON CONSULAR NOTIFICATION AND ACCESS. AS INDICATED IN EARLIER CORRESPONDENCE, DEPARTMENT SEES NO NEED IN NEGOTIATING FULL- SCALE CONVENTION WHICH WOULD DUPLICATE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR RELATIONS IN UNNECESSARY RESPECTS; HOWEVER, IF GOY WISHES DISCUSS OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST WHICH MAY BE SUSCEPTIBLE INCLUSION NEW AGREEMENT, DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTIONS. RE KARDELJ- ALLEN AGREEMENT, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT RENEWAL DISCUSSIONS ON TREATMENT DUAL NATIONALS AND RELATED MATTERS WILL ENDANGER EFFECTIVENESS THAT AGREEMENT.

3. EMBASSY MAY BE AWARE THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BULGARIA ON BILATERAL CONSULAR CONVENTIONS ARE UNDERWAY AND THAT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS FINAL AGREEMENT. IN VIEW THESE DEVELOPMENTS, DEPARTMENT HAS DESIGNATED LEGAL OFFICER HORACE SHAMWELL VISIT PRAGUE AND SOFIA TO EXPEDITE CONCLUSION THESE AGREEMENTS. SHAMWELL, WHO WAS PRESENT IN BELGRADE LAST JULY FOR DISCUSSIONS ON CONSULAR ACCESS, COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER TALKS IN BELGRADE UPON HIS RETURN FROM SOFIA OR AT ANOTHER CONVENIENT TIME IF EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT RENEWED EXCHANGE WITH GOY IS FEASIBLE AND DESIRABLE. SHAMWELL WILL LEAVE FOR PRAGUE ON OR ABOUT APRIL 13. PLEASE ADVISE. ROGERS

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